Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

A Persistent Object Interface class 38 derives from IPersistStream 36 and provides the interface to IPersistStream 36. A COM Persistent Object class 40 derives from Persistent Object Interface 38 and serves to define common attributes and methods for user defined objects which derive from it. All user-defined objects according to the illustrated embodiment derive from COM Persistent Object 40. User Object Definition classes 42 are derived from COM persistent Object class 40 and define the user objects which are to be persistable according to the present invention. User Object Interface classes 44 derive from User Object Definitions 42 and typically are paired together in a one-to-one relationship with the User Object Definitions 42. User Object Definitions classes 42 and User Object Interface classes 44 are grouped together at User Objects Definitions and Interfaces 54. There are typically as many different User Object Definitions [[are]]as there are different user defined classes.

Please replace the paragraphs beginning on page 28, line 8 with the following amended paragraphs:

Given the number of objects of a given CLSID, LoadRegistry() requests that COM create [[and]]an instance of the given CLSID through a call to CoCreateInstance(). CoCreateInstance() is a standard COM API for creating object instances.

Having created [[and]]an object of a particular type, LoadRegistry() tells the object to load itself through a call to IPersistStream::Load().

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